IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 24-9201.

DISBURSEMENT OF ACCESS TO JUSTICE CONTRIBUTIONS

Pursuant to the cooperative efforts of the Supreme Court of Texas, the Texas Access to Justice Commission, the Texas Bar Foundation, the Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation, and the State Bar of Texas to increase funding for access to justice programs, the State Bar of Texas annual dues statement now contains a suggested contribution for combined access to justice programs. The Court has received the required recommendation on the disbursement of the contributions from the chair of the Texas Access to Justice Commission. The Court now orders disbursement of these contributions to ensure the efficient use of these collected funds.

IT IS ORDERED:

The State Bar of Texas, the Clerk of the Court, and the Texas Bar Foundation shall use the following process in distributing the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Access to Justice contributions:

1. The State Bar of Texas and the Clerk of the Court shall transfer \$50,000 from the State Bar of Texas' Access to Justice Account to the Texas Bar Foundation to be set aside for the benefit of the South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project (ProBAR). In exchange, the Texas Bar Foundation has agreed to make a \$50,000 grant to the South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project (ProBAR);

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- 2. The State Bar of Texas and the Clerk of the Court shall transfer \$120,000 (in addition to the \$50,000 earmarked for ProBAR) from the State Bar of Texas Access to Justice Account to the Texas Bar Foundation; and
- 3. The State Bar of Texas and the Clerk of the Court shall transfer the remainder of the Access to Justice contributions from the State Bar of Texas' Access to Justice account to the Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 7 day of September, 2004.

Nathan L. Hecht, Justice

Priscilla R. Owen, Justice

Harriet O'Neill, Justice

Wallace B. Jefferson, Justice

Michael H. Schneider, Justice

Steven W. Smith, Justice

Jale Manuary

J. Dale Wainwright, Justice

Scott A. Brister, Justice